Kashmir are traditional mulberry cultivating states accounting for about 85% of mulberry acreage in the country.

(b) In order to supplement the effort of the State Sericulture Deptts., the following schemes are being implemented by the Central Silk Board to increase cultivation of mulberry:

1. Supply of Mulberry cuttings to State Sericulture Deptts. at subsidised rates.
2. Supply of mulberry saplings to farmers at subsidised rate under Kisan Nursery Programme in selected districts.
3. Supply of improved varieties of mulberry cuttings to states free of cost for propagation of new mulberry varieties.

(c) An incremental target of 0·25 lakh hectares has been fixed for mulberry acreage during the current financial year. However, the extent of achievement will be known only at the end of the financial year on the basis of the progress reports to be received from the State Sericulture Departments.

State(s)

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Overdrafts of States

2337. SHRI T. J. ANJALOSE : Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state the amount of overdrafts of States as on June 30, 1991, State-wise?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI SHANTARAM POTDUKHE): No State was in overdraft by the end of June, 1991.

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Shifting of Professional Processing Unit of International Finance Corporation

2338. SHRI SUDHIR GIRI : Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Union Government are aware of the International Finance Corporation's (I.F.C.) proposal to shift its professional processing unit from Washington to India; and

(b) if so, the reasons advanced by the I.F.C. to the Union Government for such shifting?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI RAMESHWAR THAKUR) : (a) and (b) The International Finance Corporation is considering expanding its Regional Mission in India to enable it to undertake more investment promotion and project processing work in response to the needs of its clients in the region.

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Export of Leather goods from Tamilnadu

2339. SHRI R. JEEVARATHINAM: Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state :

(a) the foreign exchange earned from the export of leather goods from Tamil Nadu during the last three years, year-wise; and

(b) the steps taken by the Government to develop the leather trade and introduce modern equipment for leather manufacturing in Tamil Nadu?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI P. CHIDAMBARAM) : (a) The exports of leather and leather products from Tamil Nadu during the last three years have been as follows :

Year	(in Rs. Crores) Exports
1988-89	753·88
1989-90	847·75
1990-91	1211·63

(b) The steps taken by Government of India include facilitating the import of machinery, equipment and raw material building up infrastructural facilities and directly assisting exporters in their efforts to promote exports.

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Waiving of Loans under Agricultural and Rural Debt Relief Scheme

2340. SHRI SYED SHAHABUDDIN : Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state :

(a) whether only the instalments due on October 2, 1986 and unpaid and not the whole amount due on that date were covered under the Agricultural and Rural Debt Relief Scheme, 1990;